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THE ROYAL ENTER-

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The Author to the *Reader.*

Entlemen, I am a better Souldier then a Scholler, therefore expect no eloquence or refined ſpeach, I abhorre not the Engliſh I was borne to, neither will I go about to plucke from the Inkhorne any ſolemne Paraphraſes, to ſet forth that, which rather (for the truth thereof) deſires a plaine and eaſie deliuerie. In the whole iourney of the right Honourable the Earle of Nottingham into Spaine, I was (amongſt others) one of his vnworthie followers. And to beguile the manie idle houres we had, both at Sea, and land, I ſet downe ſtill as wee trauailed euerie particular dayes iourney, with euerie townes name, and ſcituation where his Honour had

repoſe, or entertainment. Though it bee roughly handled, yet the truth ſhall plead excuſe, which I haue beene verie carefull to follow. If it pleaſe, a profit, I ſhall thinke my paynes well beſtowed, if not, what reſtes, but that I ſhall bee ſorie to be excluded from your courteſie.

So farewell.

The Royall entertainment of the *right Honourable the Earle of* Nottingham, ſent Ambaſſador from his Maieſtie to the *King of Spaine.*

THe 28. of March beeing Thurſday, the right honorable the Earle of Nottingham, Lord high Admirall of England, went from Arundell houſe (he then lying there) to Greenwich, accompanied with the right honourable the Earle of Pearlee, the Lord of Effingham, the Lord Norris, the Lord Willobie, & all the reſt of his whole companie, being Knights and Gentlemen, to take his leaue of his Maiestie, being going into Spaine Ambaſſador.

The 29. of March, his Lordſhip came on boord the ſhip Royall called the Beare (ſhe beeing Admirall of the fleete.) There went in her companie of other ſhips of the Kings, the Repulſe, the Warſpite, and the George hoy of the Kings, and ſhe went with vs to Douer. And before ſhe came there ſhe ſplitted her mainmaſt, by which accident ſhe went not any further. His Lordſhip ſet ſaile from Quinborrow the 31. day of March being Saturday. And vpon the fourth of Aprill we arriued at Douer

towne where wee cast Anchor, and stayed till the next day being Friday, and then wee weighed Anchor, and shaped our course towardes Spaine. And vpon the ninth or tenth day of Aprill we left the Lizard, which is counted the farthest part of English land.

The fifteenth day of Aprill being Sunday his Lordship entred into the harbour of the Groyne, where hee was welcomed with such a volley of shotte, and in such royall and princely manner, as did both purchase much honour to the Gouernour of the Towne, and did well befitte the person of so noble and worthie an Ambassador.

The sixteenth of Aprill being the next day, his Honour went on shore with all his companie, himselfe in his Barge, with a white silke flagge in the Beake head, betokening peace: so landing at a new bridge made of purpose for his comming, he passed along into the town, and a great volley of shotte was made vpon the walles, both of Ordonance, and small shot as he entered, all the way he went, vntill hee came to the middle of the towne, where his Lordship was verie well enterteyned at the Gouernours house. His name was Don Lucye, who was Lord also of Gallizia, and of Carnizon, where he and his followers lay seuenténe dayes at the King of Spaines charges.

But the two and twentie day of Aprill being Tuesday, his Lordship did keepe Saint George his feast in the Gouernours house, in as great state as the place and time could afford, and at his owne charges.

And on Tuesday the nine and twentieth day of Aprill, his Lordship sent for both his Coach, and Coachhorses to come to Portesmouth, there to remaine vntill his returne, because they were not able to haue them along to the Court, by reason the wayes were so bad.

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The second day of Maie there was Torney at Barriers, holden in the Groine before his Lordship the day before his going away, wherein were some victorious acts worthy the noting.

As for the shew towards the euening, there were made such fire workes in the Towne, as the like haue not been seene, by the report of all which saw it.

The third day of Maie his Lordship toke his iourney from the Groine, hauing (as I learned by others) two hundred fortie fiue miles betweene the Towne of the Groine and the Cittie of Valledeley. and there went with him most of the King of Spaines officers to make prouision by the way as he went.

The same day his Lordship passed from the Groyne to a Towne called Bittanzey, where he lay all night at a house in the middle of the Towne, and was very well entertained. This Towne standeth upon a hil, betweene great hills and rocky mountaines: it is a verie little Towne, and bad way to trauel: twixt the Groine and it, which is accounted three leagues.

The fourth day of Maie he went from Bittansey ouer a great mountaine called Lapenadiball, to a very small Village called Villielua, where he was lodged in an olde ruinous Castle, but reasonably entertained. This Village standeth on the side of a hil, and verie faire way to trauel to it, yet something rocky and stony. Betweene Villielua and Bittansey is nine leagues.

The next day being the fifth of Maie being Sunday, his Honour passed from Villielua ouer a pleasant riuer called Menio, the bridge whereof was a faire stonie bridge, with greene trées of both sides, and it is called La point de Rabida, and leadeth to a Citty called Lugo, where his Lordship was royally entertained. This Citty is walled about with a strong stone wal, the which in

former times hath beene much stronger, yet now greatly decayed. It standeth vpon the plaine, being a faire Citty within, and very good way to trauel: betweene Villiclua and Lugo is seauen leagues.

The first of May his Lordship went from Lugo some two miles by a riuer side, til he came to a Village called Terra Castelia, where he lodged all night in a house by a riuer side, being reasonably wel entertained, but verie bad lodging for his followers. This is a raised Village, and standeth betweene two great mountaines, but reasonable good way to trauel. Betweene Lugo and Terra Castelia are eight leagues.

The seauenth of May his Lordship went from Terra Castelia, ouer a great and wilde mountaine called Porta Seueras, where as it was said, by the inhabitants there by dwelling, that there are great store of wild beasts, as Bearrs, Wolues, and such like: and wee toke vp snow as we went ouer this hil: & further Eastward we might see a great mountaine couered with snow called Salberyro. And as it is reported, the King of Spaine did send thither for snow water to cole his wine. And my Lord dined by the way at a Village called Salbaroryo, being in the kingdome of Lions. After dinner he passed ouer the mountaines to a Village called Villio Franco, where he staied all night, and all the next day, being Wednesday, and a wet day, where he was wel entertained. And at this Towne the King of Spaines coaches met him, to bring him to the Court, being foure. This is a fine Towne, for the most part standing vpon the side of a hil, but the most vilest way to trauel that euer was ridden: and it is counted from Terra Castelia, to Villio franco, two leagues.

The ninth day of May being Thursday his Lordship went from Villio Franco, to a little towne called Ben-

Ben-breuio, where he lay a little without the towne, and verie well entertained. And as hee entered into the gate of the house, there hanged a Beare ouer the gate, that was killed in the Mountaines there by. This is a verie prettie towne, for the most part standing in a bottome, and it is a verie good way to trauel betweene Villio Franco, and Ben-breuio, is nine leagues.

The tenth of May his Lordship went from Ben-breuio, to a Citie called Sturgo, where he was lodged in a verie faire house adioining to the Market place, where hee was verie well entertained. The Citie standeth vpon a hill, and it is a verie goodly Citie, and walled round about with a stone wall, and somewhat bigger then Lugo, and a good way to trauaile. And it is counted from Ben-breuio to Sturgo, fiue leagues.

The eleuenth of May his Lordship went from Sturgo, to a little towne called Lauonessa, where he was lodged in a prettie little house, but of so small receipt that it was scarce able to containe his carriage, yet he had good entertainment there. This towne standeth vpon the plaine, and verie faire way to trauaile from Sturgo thither. We came along by a little riuer, whence there was a stone bridge a making, the which I doe thinke by that time it is finished will be three quarters of a mile long. It is from Sturgo to Lauonessa foure leagues.

The twelfth of May his Lordship went from Lauonessa, to a verie faire towne called Vena-venta, where hee passed to a house without the towne standing vpon an hill, which had as faire a prospect as a house can haue. I thinke none the like, except I might liken it to Windsore Castell, and for the largenesse of it, it is the goodliest house within as euer I did see, for workmanship and curious building: for the most part of it is Marble stone, and round about the square Court, vnder the Gallery

stand Canons, and Demy-Canons vpon their carriages, to the number of twelue, or there aboutes, verie fine brasse peeces. It is a strong thing, both within and without: and it is reported there is an Armorie within this house able to furnish seuen hundred men with Armour. And it was solde mee, that this house was of fire hundred yeares standing, and that Hannibal and Scipio had layen in it. In deed I did see the portratures of them, as the Spaniard did tel vs, and one of their thigh bones, that was as bigge as any mans thigh flesh and all in any part. His honour was exceedingly well entertained in this house, being a Noble mans of Spaine, who is Earle of Vennauenta, & Viceroy of Naples. This towne standeth vpon the side of a hill, and good way to trauaile betweene Lauenessa, and Vennauenta is counted nine leagues.

The thirteenth of May his Lordship went from that gallant house of Vennauenta, to a little ragged towne called Villa-gratia, all to torne and rent, both the houses and walles thereof with the Moores, in the times of warres (as it was reported.) The walles were but of Mudde, and neuer a handsome house in all the towne. My Lord was lodged in a verie old house, but good entertainement. This towne standeth vpon the plaine, and verie good way to trauaile. Betweene Venauenta and Villa gratia, is eight leagues.

The fourteenth of May, his Lordship went from Villa-gratia, to a prettie towne called Sarianeus: And as we passed thither, we went by a faire great Monasterie called Saint Barnardes Monasterie, a goodly thing as it appeareth by the outside, and I do thinke it to bee about the bignesse of Sommerset house, and walled with stone round about. It standeth verie pleasauntly vpon the pitch of a hill, close by the high way side. And as we passed

ſed from this Monaſterie, along vpon the way grew Lauender, Time, and Sage, and manie other Garden hearbes, as common as graſſe: before we came within a league of the towne it began to thunder and lighten, and there fell ſuch a ſhower of haile and raine, which did verie much wette vs before we came to the towne. My Lord lay in a verie rotten houſe, but well entertayned. He lay at Samancus the fifteenth day, he reſted at this towne. This towne ſtandeth vpon a hill, enclosed with great hilles: vpon the one ſide of it, it is verie good way to trauaile, and reaſonable plaine, and it is from Villagratia to this towne ſeuen leagues.

The ſixteenth day of May being Thurſday, his Lordſhip went from Samancus to the Cittie of Valla de ley, where the King of Spaine kept his Court: and before his Lordſhip came within a mile and a halfe of the Cittie, the high Conſtable of Spaine met him, and the Queene of Spaine ſent a pied Gennet, one of her owne Steedes for my Lord to ride vppon. When hee came within three quarters of a mile of the towne, the Conſtable had him out of the way halfe a bow-ſhotte (as I may iudge it) to a Garden, where he walked ſome houre and halfe with the high Conſtable, then he went into a Banketting houſe adioyning vnto the Garden, which was ſet vp of purpoſe againſt his comming, wherein he likewiſe ſtayed ſome houre and halfe. After his comming forth of the Garden, he tooke his horſe and ridde with the Conſtable, where the high wayes were ſo full of Coaches, and people, vpon both ſides for the length of halfe a mile, that it was wonderfull to ſee, hauing ridden a little way, there fell a great ſhower of raine, which laſted till ye came to his lodging, ſo that hee was driuen to take his Coatch againe, vntill the Kinges Coach met him, to which he ridde in all the raine. And

the Conſtable with him, and other Noble men beſides, what their names were, I know not, the people following ſo faſt, that they were verie much moyled in the durt: and when his Lordſhip came within the Citie, the ſtreetes were ſo full of people, Coaches, and horſes, that he was faine to make manie ſtandes whiles the people made way for him, or elſe hee could not haue paſſed. At length he and all his companie came to his lodging, being verie wette.

This houſe was richly hung with like hangings, and all kind of pictures both of men and beaſts, wrought againſt his Lordſhips comming. This was a verie faire houſe and large rowmes in it, and doth ſo conueniently ioyne vnto the Kings Court, that my Lord might haue priuate acceſſe to the King when hee would, through a Gallerie out of his owne houſe: hee had verie royall entertainment all the time of his being there, with as much plentie of the beſt proviſion as can bee got in the Countrey. This is a verie faire Citie, and of the beſt buildings in all our trauailes, onely it is noyſome by reaſon of the vncleane keeping of it.

So that in all that his Honour trauailed, from the third of May, to the eighteenth of the ſame, reſting two dayes by the way foureſcore and two leagues, amounting to the number of two hundred and fortie eight miles from Groyne to the Citie of Valledeley.

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The eighteenth day of May being Saterday, his Lordship went to the King of Spaine where he was gratiously entertained, and afterward he went to the Queen, by whom he was vsed in the like sort: this being his first going to the King.

The nineteenth day the King of Spaine went a procession all about the cittie, and then he went to a Church and heard Masse, and came home againe through the Church of Saint Paul, where I did see him and saw carried before him foure Crosses, and the Image of Saint Domingo, and then the image of the Virgine Mary, with the picture of Christ in her armes, she being borne vnder a canopie. Then came the Sacrament vnder a Canopie: Then came the King, being a slender man of bodie, hauing no haire vpon his face, but a little vppon his vpper lippe: hee is yellow hayred, but a well shaped King, hee is about twentie fiue yeares of age. Hee came through the Church, and went in at a little doore vp into a gallerie which went into his Court: and in the afternoone of the same day, the Prince of Spaine was christened in this Church, called the Church of Saint Paul, where there was a Font set vp vnder the high altar, and the Font was of stone, in forme and fashion of a boate, broade at top, and narrow at both ends, and of the colour of a Turkeys egge, couered ouer with a cloth of gold vppon foure standing pillowes of siluer, euery pillar two yardes and a halfe high, and close by that was a bed-sted set vp, couered very richly, to lay the childe in after it was christened, and about foure of the clocke came the childe with the sound of trumpets, & other musicke playing before it, to the church doore, where the Cardinal of Toledo met it with two other Bishops, bearing before him, the one the

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Croſiers ſtaffe, and the other the ſtaffe called the Pꝛe-cept, hauing their Miters vppon their heads. So com-ming into the Church vp to the Font in oꝛder: firſt came the Cardinal betweẽ the two Biſhops with foure Pa-ces and his two ſtaues aforeſaid before him, hee being all in red with his Miter vpon his head; next him came foure Heralds; then two Dukes bearing the Crowne; Then came the childe carried by the Duke of Lerno; Then came the Pꝛinceſſe, called the Infant of Spaine, being a childe of fiue yeares of age, dꝛawne in a chaire and all the Ladies attending vpon it, being all Dut-cheſſes and Marqueſſes and Earles wiues, all richly attired, and richly beſet with iewels: ſo they carried the childe to the Font, where the Cardinall toke it, and firſt he put ſalt into the eares and noſe and mouth of it, then he croſſed it vpon the foꝛehead and vpon the bꝛeaſt, and behinde betweene the ſhoulders, then hee powꝛed oyle vpon it, and croſſed it againe, and then he powꝛed a whole baſon of water vpon the head of it, and then put a waxe candle into the childes hand lighted, and ſaid ſome woꝛds, what they were I know not, but ſo they made an end, & the childes name is Phillippo Domingo, becauſe hee was chꝛiſtned in the ſtone called Dimingo ſtone & victoria: ſo they laid him in a bed one quarter of an houre, while a Maſſe was ſaid, and then it was deli-uered to the Duke of Lerno againe, and ſo they went out, the Cardinal taking his leaue of the child in the Church, departed. The Infants name is Margarete, (as it was told me.)

On Sunday, the twentie day of Maie, the King and the Queene paſſed along the ſtꝛeetes thꝛough the mar-ket place, in very royall oꝛder, ſhe being in her coach, and he on hoꝛſe-backe by the coach ſide, and all his No-bles beforꝛe him vpon gallant hoꝛſes, two and two in

oꝛder

order according to their degrées: and as it was tolde me, the Quéene went to be churched, and after her came all the Ladies in coaches. This day my Lord dined at the high Constables house; and this day the Lord Howard of Effingham, toke his iourney from Valledeley to Madrill, to sée his aunte the Dutchesse of Ferris, and hée returned from thence to Valledeley, the fiue and twentie day being Satterday. And vpon Thursday the thrée and twentie of Maie, as it was saide, there was a new Pope created, and at night there was shoting of gunnes from the tops of Churches, and fire-workes, and setting vp of candles in the stréetes, and great adoe.

The fowre and twentie day of Maie being Friday, Maister Knowles deliuered from his Maiestie to the King of Spaine, and to the Quéene, fiue horses, thrée to the King, and thrée to the Quéene, two with saddles and furniture to them, and foure with very rich cloathe, they being couered with imbrodered workes, and besides deliuered a couple of very faire beagles, and then twoo crosse-bowes, and two little péces, the one sent from the Prince Henry, and the other beagle sent from the Quéene with foure whelpes, the which they did receiue very gratiously and royally, making very much of the beagles: and he did deliuer to the Quéene, a very rich iewel, sent vnto her from his Maiestie.

The fiue and twentie day of Maie, it did snow and freéze most mightily, that the ice did hang vpon the houses as long as halfe ones arme.

The eight and twentie day of Maie, his Lordship dined at the Duke of Lermoes house, where there was a snakes skinne séene vnder the rofe of his house, against a wall, that was brought from the Indians, where hee was killed, and it was measured, the length contained nineteene foote, and about the bignesse of a mans thigh.

The nine and twentie day of Maie, there were a great companie of armed men came through the Citty of Valledeley, & the question being demanded what the reason thereof was, answer was made, that it was a custome euery yeare to make a shew of armed men that day, being the Kings birth day, and it was done in the honour thereof: the Duke of Lerma was their Captaine.

The thirtie day of Maie being Thursday, the greatest day of account in Spaine in all the yeare, and it is called Corpus Christi day. There was against this day great preparation made; for all along from my Lord Ambassadours house, were postes of timber set vp, and couered ouer with pole-dauies, for my Lord to goe vnder to keepe the Sunne from him: so it was until he came to the Kings Court, and from thence all along to the market-place, which is halfe a mile long: and in the morning the King went a procession, with all the Apostles very richly, and eight Giants, foure men, and foure women, and the chiefe was named Gog magog. Then came the standerd of the Church, then two great standerds of siluer, being carried by two, hauing two long waxe lights in them, and a great thing of siluer like a Scepter close behinde them, then came the Priests of the Kings Chappel singing, and close behinde them came the Sacrament carried betweene foure, and a Canopie ouer it, and it was in manner like a Castle, all of siluer, foure square, and a pinnacle ouer the top of it, and foure white waxe lights standing vpon each corner, and one of them was lighted; close behinde that came a Bishop praying and holding vp his hands; next after him came the King bare headed, carrying a white waxe light in his hand lighted, and the Cardinal vpon the right hand of him, carrying another in his hand lighted, and so they passed by my Lords gate, the stretes being hung vpon both sides

ſides very richly with cloth of gold : So after hee had made an end of his proceſſion, in the afternoone my Lord went to the Court, where was a Chappel ſet vp of purpoſe, (as they ſaid) and thither my Lord was had, where when he came, he met with the King, (he then ſitting in his ſtate) ſo taking my Lord by the hand, made him ſit downe by him, and the lidger Ambaſſadour, and the Conſtable, and hee that goeth to bee lidger in England with my Lord, and other Noble-men beſides which were there preſent, where was a ſtole brought, and a cuſhion laid before the King, & the Articles were read, the King being vpon his knées vpon the cuſhion, ſolemnlie toke his oath, which being done, he toke my Lord by the hand, and ſo went along with him, how far, or whither, I know not.

The one and thirtie day of Maie in the afternoone, the King and the Quéene, and all the Nobilitie both Lordes and Ladies, rode from the Court along the ſtrétes, (they being richly hung vpon both ſides) vntil they came into the market place, where vpon both ſides were ſcaffoldes, built round about for people to ſtand vpon, and not onely the ſtandings were ful of people as they could ſtand and ſit one by another, but alſo the tops of the houſes, and the ground below was alſo ful, til ſuch time as the Kings Marſhal and the Guard, did driue them out. The market place is faire, ſquare & ſpatious, in the middle of which was a new howſe built of purpoſe, for the King and Quéene to ſit together in the middle of the gallery, and all the Ladies at one end, and the Lords at the other : and my Lord roſe forth of his place and ſate amongſt the Ladies, and the Conſtable of Spaine with him : and after they hadde ſitten a while, there was fiftéene bulls baited with horſe-men with ſpeares, and foote-men with clokes and ſwords, and the

bulles were all slaine, and they did kill three or foure men out of hand, and hurt and spoiled fiue or sixe more: and after this was done, the King went and attired himselfe, both he and his Nobles, after the Turkish fashion, & when they had attired themselues, first entred twelue Mules richly couered with crimson velues, imbrothered with the Kings Armes, vpon each side of them a bundle of canes bound in with a hoke of siluer, the canes betokened the dartes which the Moores did vse in the time of their warres; and this was the description of their comming in, being called the battell of the Moores: and after these Mules, entred sixe and twentie Gennets of the kings, richly couered with the same couer that the mules were, but something richer: and first before the twelue mules came in twelue drummes, made in fashion like kettles, one of one side of the mule, and the other of the other, and next came in fowre and twentie trumpetters; and then entered the eldest of the two Princes of Sauoyes pages, being tenne, and after them came twenty brauer gennets, three of them richly couered with Uelues embrodered with Pearle and Siluer a foot deepe, then followed the rest couered with the same, full of knobs of Siluer all ouer: then came the other Princesse Iennets which were thirteene verie richly couered, embrodered with greene. So after they had gone about the Market place twise, they tooke off the Canes of the Mules, and had them out againe: forthwith came nine in with Hoboyes playing, clothed all in red, and after them entred the King, riding as fast as he could, and the Duke of Lerma with him, and seuenty eight Noble men after, hauing Dartes in their hands, by two, and by two. And after they had ridden vp and downe from one end of the Market place to the other, as fast as they could ride, by course halfe an houre or there aboutes, they parted, the

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King and the Duke of Lerma at one end, having eight and thirtie besides with them, and the two Princes of Sauoy, out at the other ende of the Market place, having the like number with them. So after they had beene out some halfe houre, the King with his companie comes in againe, with Banners vpon their armes, and Darts in their hands, and the Banners of each part were of sundry colors, as tokens to know their owne companie. Immediately comes in at the other ende the two Princes and their companie, after the same sort: so they ridde vp and downe from side to side one after another, a prettie while, vntill at length they rid crosse, sometimes in two rankes, and sometimes in three rankes, holding their Banners and Darts readie, so that when they had rode in rankes, the one crossing the other a good while, they parted, and euerie man tooke his former place to his owne companie. So at length the King and some of his side gaue the onset vpon the other two Princes, riding as fast, and as furious as they could against them, and threw euerie man a Dart at them. And after they had throwne their Dartes, they rode a compasse, thinking to ride from them, and to get home another way to their companie, suddenly breakes out an ambush of the Princes of Sauoyes companie, and chased the King and his companie, and threw Darts at them, and they to defend themselues held their Banners behind them, looking backe as though they were not aware of their comming, so they chased the king and his companies so nére the Kinges force, that presently brake out an other ambush of the Kings, and chased them backe againe in like sort, so that they continued hunting and chasing, and throwing of Dartes one at another, till they had spent al their Canes, and that the light of the day fayled, and

so they ended, and the Kinges Companie had the victorie.

The first day of June at night, there was a Maske before the King, and Quæne, and the Lord Ambassadour, the King and Quæne being in the maske themselues, in a verie faire house set vppe of purpose for my Lordes comming, which was threescore yardes in length, and ten yeardes broade: at the vpper ende thereof was a faire Throne for the King and Queene, to sitte in, and a Gallerie ouer head rounde about with seates for people to sitte in, and below was a Gallerie vpon both sides, which went from the Kinges throne, to the entring in, and in the vpper Gallerie were foure and twenty great standards of ware burning standing in great massie Candlesticks of Siluer, so manie vpon a side, and right at the end ouer the Throne, the top of the Throne was stucke with white Virgin ware lightes as full as it could sticke, and round about the rowme ouer euerie standard hung great siluer lampes with foure lights a peece, they were in number fourescore. There vpon the ground stode foure and twentie siluer Candlesticks, with great standards burning vpon each side, twelue of them as bigge and as high as any man, and my Lord was placed in the middle Gallerie, and the noble men at the vpper end next the King, and next vnto him the Cardinall, and his companie in the same rowe.

The next Gallerie vnderneath were the Knights of my Lords companie placed, so after they were all set, there were men sung vpon both sides, presently there was a Curtaine drawne, and there entred fyue and twentie Violins and Cornets, playing very sweetly, and after them twentie Pages attyred in Maskyng sutes, ten

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of the one side, and ten of the other, with great standerds in their handes, and fiue Ladies in the middle, two and two togither: and after them came a little Chariot drawne by two little Nagges, couered with caparrisons of cloth of Tissue, and the Chariot was in manner of a shippe behinde verie richly guilded. They sate by degrees that were in it: for before in the chariot sate a Ladie, and next to her sate the Infanta in the middle, and on each side sate a Ladie., and behind sate an olde Dutchesse, all in white: so the Chariot was drawne vp to the Throne, and the Infanta was taken fourth, and set in the Queenes Chaire, and the Ladies sate by her. Then the Chariot was drawne backe, and the Curtaines drawne. Then began the Musicke, and in maner of a Cloude did open, which shined and glistered like Starres ouer head, and vnderneath stoode the King and thirteene Noble men, and likewise the Queene and thirteene Ladies with Virgin-ware lightes in their handes: the Ladies were by themselues, behind them was cloth of Siluer shining, which made them shine like Angels, being gorgiously and richly attired, both with cloth of golde, of siluer, and Pearle. There came downe the King and Queene, and the Duke of Lermo, with an other Ladie, let downe all foure as if they came out of a Cloud. It was a verie glorious shew to see them come downe.

The King and Queen daunced hand in hand, and the Duke of Lermo, and the other Ladie, vntill they came to the Throne. In the meane time there was foure other let downe in the same maner. The King and Queene, and the Duke and Ladie daunced backe againe, and receyued them: so they daunced all eight backe to the Throne. In the meane time came foure more downe as before, and receyued them in like sort as before, and

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in like manner receiued them by foures in a company, vntill the number of twentie eight came downe, they danced all with vizards on their faces, and the King and Quéene sate down in the throne in their state, & the Noblemen & Ladies sate down of each hand in their degrées. In the meane time those fiue Ladies which first came in with the pages, dãced a country dance with snappers on their thumbs: then the K. & Quéen & their company danced againe hand in hand barefaced, after they sate down againe, they rose by two and two and danced galliards and pauins, and then the King and Quéene rose and danced themselues single, two or thrée dances; presently after they had done, there was a Lady rose and fetched in the Earle of Peart, and danced eight galliards with him, which being done, she fetched my Lord Willowbie, and danced with him, who was admired for his capering, and much commended. Then came in the King and the Quéene and their company, and danced againe, and hauing ended, there comes in the fiue Ladies and danced with their snappers, (as aforesaid) two and two, very gallantly, and when they had done, the Duke of Lerma, he came in, and toke a toarch in his hand, and danced two or thrée times about the chamber, and toke a Lady to him, and danced the cushion dance, and that Lady fetched in another Lord. At length they fetched in the King, and set him in the middle of the chamber, with a toarch in his hand: then the King fetched in the Quéene, and the Quéene fetched in another Ladie, and that Lady fetched in my Lord Ambassadour, so the King and Quéene and my Lord, daunced together, and so their Courtly pastimes were ended.

The seauenth day of June being Friday, his Lordship toke his leaue of the King and Quéene of Spaine, in very royall and good manner, the Nobles being sorrowful

rowfull for his departure. Many gifftes hee had gi-uen him by the King and other great Personages of Spaine.

The eight day of June being Saterday, his Lord-ship set forward from the Citty of Valledeley towardes Saint Anderos, where his shipping lay, and vpon that day he lay at a Towne called Didaynias: hee was lodged in the middle of the Towne, in a verie faire house, where he was wel entertained. This Towne is situated vpon the side of a hill: for the most part it is well walled with a stone wall, and it is one of the sweetest townes we came to in all Spaine. To this towne be-longeth a Castle which standeth vpon a hill, it is a rea-sonable strong hold, but it cannot command the towne, but defend it, it may round about: This is from Valle-deley to this towne sixe leagues.

The ninth day being Sunday, his Lordship went from Didaynias to a towne called Aflomista, this towne is walled round about with a mud wall, a pretty little towne it is, and as kinde people as wee found in any place before; and my Lord was wel lodged and enter-tained, and lay there one day: it is counted from Diday-nias to this towne, eight leagues.

The eleuenth day of June being Tuesday, his Lordship went from Aflomista, to a little towne called Herreroide, where hee lay in a very strong house, stan-ding vpon a hill, much like Windsor Castle for the pro-spect, but in no other sort. Beneathe in the valley run-neth a reasonable good riuer. This house and the towne both are the Lord high Constables of Spaine, there was my Lord very well entertained, there was a peece of ordinance shot off at his comming in, as he came to this towne, in the way he dined at a towne called Offerno: This towne is walled about with a mudde wall, much

ruinated: it is counted from Aſtomiſta to this towne, ſeauen leagues.

The twelfth day of June being Wednesday, his Lordship came to a faire town caled Agilyarda Campo, where he was lodged in a little houſe, but exceedingly well entertained. This towne is walled round about with a ſtone wall, and a ſtone Caſtle ſtanding on the top of a hill, ouer against the towne: there is a ſweete ſpring runneth through the towne, and a pleaſant riuer runneth along by the walles, there is a faire ſtone bridge ouer this riuer: frō Herreroe to this town, the waies are very rocky, but dry, from Herreroe to this town is 5. leagues.

The fourteenth day of June being Friday, his Lordship went from Gilliarda Campo, to a little towne called Rhinoſſa, he was lodged in a pretty houſe, and well entertained: this towne ſtandeth vpon the ſide of a hill, the ground neere about it is very fruitful and pleaſant, both for corne and graſſe: and it is from Gillyarda Campo to this towne, eight leagues.

The fifteenth of June he went from Rhinoſſa to a very bad Village called Beela Sauilla, where he was lodged well, but not ſo well as before, but entertained exceeding well: This towne is hard by a wood ſide, where it was ſaid by the inhabitants, that great ſtore of wilde beaſtes doe reſort: this village ſtandeth in a bottome betweene great mountaines, it is good and fruitfull ground betweene Rhinoſſa and this village, but very bad way to trauel.

And as his Lordship went from Rhinoſſa to this village, he dined in a village called Poda Congoy, it is counted that daies iourney ſeauen leagues. That night all my Lordes people lay without beds for the moſt part.

The fifteenth and twentie day of June, his Lordship went from

from this village to the end of his iourney in the Spanish soile, to a pretty towne called Saint Danderos, where he was lodged in the Gouernours house: This towne standeth hard by the sea side, where his Lordships shippes lay at anker in the harbor right against the towne, which harbor is some mile and a halfe from the maine sea, running into the towne: This towne is walled round about with a very strong wall of stone, but very poore; and it is a dangerous harbor for great shippes, it is full of rockes: he was well entertained of the Gouernour; the way to this towne was very bad to trauel, and full of great mountaines, but store of woods growing vppon them: it is from Beela Sauilla to this towne, fiue long leagues.

From the eight day of Iune to the fifteenth of the same, his Lordship trauailed from the Citty of *Valledeley*, to Saint *Danderos*, in all forty sixe leagues.

The seauententh day of June, my Lord Ambassador made a banquet abord the Beare, whereunto came the Gouernour of the towne, and some other Spaniards of account which came from the Court with him, and at their going away wee gaue them a volley of shot from the Beare, the Repulse and the War-spite.

The nineteenth day of June, his Lordship came on boarde the Beare to goe into England, out of the towne of Saint Danderos, and the twentie day he set saile from thence in the afternoone, the next day being Friday, we lost the sight of Spaine.

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